

CAPSULE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

406 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth
COUNTY

STATE

Maryland

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Myland P Stewart III

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Unknown

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 5913

Folio #: 783

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CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>May, 1979</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior Only:

Although many residential structures have disappeared along Bosley Avenue due to the widening of the road or the commercial growth, the 400 block between Pennsylvania Avenue and Chesapeake Avenue has remained in tact. Among these is the 1½ story frame structure at # 406. This building is two bays wide, a larger two bays deep, and rests on a concrete foundation. The most characterizing features include the steeply pitched slate gambrel roof and the brown wooden shingles. (These shingles, however, are in the process of being painted).

The east facade faces Bosley Avenue. The south bay contains an entrance way and door.

The north bay is occupied by a pair of 6/1 sash windows with louvered shutters.

A porch covers the entire first level, the flat roof of which is supported by two clusters of three square columns. These columns rest on the shingled railing which partially encloses the porch area. Lattice work is between the porch and the ground.

The most characterizing feature of this building is the large dormer of the north and south facades which compose the second story. These shed roof dormers extend within approximately one foot of the eaves of the main roof.

The symmetry of the north facade is broken with the placement of an exterior end brick chimney in the east bay which breaks the eaves of the roof as well as the dormer. Although there is a first story window directly east of the chimney, the second story is windowless. The west end of the first story contains a projecting bay window with a pair of 6/1 sash lighting the area within.

Casement cellar windows are on this facade as well as the west and south.

The west facade is unlike the east in several ways. The south bay is composed of an entrance door close to the center, while the end portion is enclosed with six-light casement windows. A slate shed roof covers both and has a sky blue tongue-and-groove ceiling.

The upper story of this bay is windowless.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES First quarter 20th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

D. Owings Schultz

WAYNE L. NIELD, II

ORGANIZATION

HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 406 BOSLEY AVE.
Parcel 401, Map 70-A

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
5913	783	July 21, 1978	Stewart Directories, Inc.	Myland P. Stewart III

Beginning at the westernmost side of Bosley Ave at the distance 180 Feet South 13° 59' West from the intersection of the westernmost side of Bosley Ave with the southernmost side of Pennsylvania Ave. South 13° 59' West 50 feet, North 76° 1' West 150 feet, North 13° 59' East 50 feet, South 76° 1' East 150 feet to beginning known as # 406 Bosley Ave.

5913	782	July 21, 1978	Cashel, Inc.	Stewart Directories, Inc.
5041	234	October 6, 1969	Marion C. Powers	Cashel, Inc.
4960	331	January 30, 1969	The Laurie Corporation	Marion C. Powers
4960	329	January 30, 1969	Donald W. Powers & wife	Laurie Corporation
642	99	January 18, 1927	Christian Will & wife	Donald W. Powers & wife
622	220	August 19, 1925	Calvin R. Titlow & wife	Christian Will & wife
622	206	August 12, 1925	Samuel H. Hampshire & wife	Calvin R. Titlow

From the three following deeds:

1) 536	447	February 4, 1921	W. Gill Smith	Samuel H. Hampshire & wife
2) 542	453	July 14, 1921	W. Gill Smith	Samuel H. Hampshire & wife
3) 542	513	July 19, 1921	W. Gill Smith	Samuel H. Hampshire & wife

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488 377 November 2, 1917 Elmer J. Cook, trustee W. Gill Smith

Beginning on the north side of Chesapeake Ave. with the West side
of Bosley Ave. Westerly 150 feet, Northerly 180 feet...Southerly
180 feet to beginning.

MORTGAGE:

402 462 March 26, 1913 Marion H. Merryman et al W. Gill Smith

For \$3,000

MORTGAGE RECORD

Mortgage Book 210, Folio 131 July 15, 1899

Dr. Grafton M. Bosley to the Maryland Title Insurance & Trust Company
for \$11,500

Twelve lots situated West of Towson represented on a plat filed with
the mortgage.

For the purpose of making accessible the said lots, the following
Avenues represented on the plat "are hereby dedicated to public use...":

Chesapeake Avenue
Pennsylvania Avenue
Allegheny Avenue
Highland Avenue
Bosley Avenue



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EAST, MAIN FACADE
406 ROSLEY AVE.

WAYNE NIELD II
MARCH 1979